



# Mountain View Recycling Resource

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## Shredding Events

The SMaRT Station™ will host three confidential paper shredding events in 2011 for Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale residents. The events will be held on:

- **Saturday, April 30**
- **Saturday, July 30**
- **Saturday, December 3**

Each shredding event will run from 8 am to 12 noon.

- Confidential paper documents only (no heavy binders, binder clips, mixed media such as VHS tapes, CDs or computer disk/drives).
- Limit of five (5) banker boxes or five (5) paper grocery bags per household per event.
- Proof of residency is required (e.g., utility bill, drivers license, etc.)
- Volunteers will be available to provide unloading assistance, if needed.

Call **(650) 903-6311** for more information.  
See page 4 for a map to the SMaRT Station.

## Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange

**At Arbor Day Celebration**  
**Saturday, March 12, 11 am to 1 pm**

- Bring old and unwanted prescription pills, drugs and other medications for safe and proper disposal (no controlled substances). Please consolidate pills into one container or zip lock bag and leave ointments and liquids in original container. Contact the City's Fire and Environmental Protection Division at **(650) 903-6378** for more information.
- Swap old mercury thermometers for less toxic ones while supplies last. Place old thermometers in zip lock bags (separate from medicines). Call **(650) 903-6311** to learn more.



## Home Composting Workshops

Learn how to turn your grass, leaves and kitchen scraps into nutritious soil for your garden.

**Saturday, April 2 or Saturday, May 21**  
**10 am to 12 noon**  
**Mountain View Community Center**

**Pre-Registration is required, call the Rotline at (408) 918-4640 or visit [www.ReduceWaste.org](http://www.ReduceWaste.org).**

## Bay-Friendly Gardening



The Bay-Friendly Gardening Program was developed to encourage residents to make environmentally friendly gardening choices. Bay-Friendly gardening is not a particular gardening style, but rather a holistic approach to gardening and landscaping that works in harmony with the natural conditions of the San Francisco Bay watershed. Bay-Friendly gardens offer endless opportunities, from backyard wildlife gardens to kitchen gardens to native plant communities, and more. Bay-Friendly gardening makes it easy to have a garden you can enjoy while reducing waste and conserving resources.

### Attend a Bay-Friendly gardening workshop and learn how to:

- Nurture healthy soil and plants
- Conserve water and other resources
- Provide wildlife habitat
- Choose least-toxic pest control methods
- Reuse plant trimmings by mulching and composting
- Feature native and Mediterranean plants

Pre-registration is required. To register call the Santa Clara County Waste Reduction program at **(408) 918-4640** or register online at **[www.ReduceWaste.org](http://www.ReduceWaste.org)**. Additional information about Bay-Friendly gardening can be found at **[www.BayFriendlyCoalition.org](http://www.BayFriendlyCoalition.org)**.

**Bay-Friendly Gardening Basics:** Provides an overview of design and maintenance considerations and practices that help you make smarter choices at the nursery.

Saturday, April 16, 10 am to 1 pm	Cubberly Community Center, Palo Alto
Saturday, July 9, 10 am to 1 pm	Berger Drive Auditorium, San Jose

**Gardening from the Ground Up:** Healthy soil is the foundation of a healthy garden. Learn backyard composting, sheet mulching basics and other soil building techniques.

Saturday, March 5, 10 am to 1 pm	MAEP Erikson Adult Center, San Jose
Saturday, May 7, 10 am to 1 pm	Art Center, Palo Alto
Saturday, August 20, 10 am to 1 pm	Art Center, Palo Alto

**Let Worms Eat Your Garbage:** Worm composting is a great way to recycle kitchen scraps into a fantastic organic fertilizer.

Saturday, April 9, 10 am to 12 noon	Berger Drive Auditorium, San Jose
Saturday, August 27, 10 am to 12 noon	Berger Drive Auditorium, San Jose

**Gardening to Manage Pests Naturally:** Control pests without the use of pesticides.

Saturday, March 12, 10 am to 1 pm	Cupertino Community Hall, Cupertino
Saturday, May 21, 10 am to 1 pm	Cubberly Community Center, Palo Alto

**Bay-Friendly Garden Tour:** Attend a self-guided tour of private residential gardens in San Jose and Palo Alto that demonstrate gardening techniques appropriate for local conditions.

Sunday, May 15, 10 am to 4 pm – Cost: \$10 per household. Register online by May 6 at **[www.BayFriendlyCoalition.org](http://www.BayFriendlyCoalition.org)**.

## On Call Plus Vouchers: More Items Accepted

Did you know that you can exchange any of your three On Call Plus appointments for a voucher to the SMaRT Station? Simply call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.

The SMaRT Station is now accepting a wider variety of items at no additional charge, as long as you present an On Call Plus voucher. These items include:



Refrigerators	Computer Monitors	Fencing/Sheds	Wastes from small home improvement projects (e.g., carpet, cabinets, countertops, windows, doors, toilets, sinks, bathtubs)
Freezers	Televisions	Tree Stumps	
Air Conditioners	Tires (limit 4 from passenger vehicles)	Small amounts of dirt, rock, concrete	

Residents are still limited to one voucher per vehicle/entrance and a volume not exceeding the payload of a standard one-ton pickup truck or car with a single-axle trailer. The SMaRT Station is open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

For more information, contact the City's Solid Waste Program staff at **(650) 903-6311**.

# How to Recycle at Home

## 1. Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology Mountain View and set on top of cart. Recology will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

## 2. Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

## 3. Paper (Grey Lid)

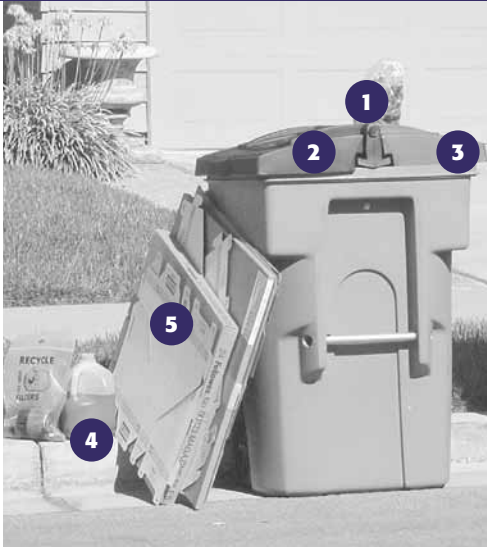
Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

## 4. Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.

## 5. Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3’x3’ in size and place on top of curb next to recycle cart.



# On Call Plus Clean Up Program

The **On Call Plus** clean up program is a service available to most residents at no charge\*. Residents may schedule three free appointments each year, at their convenience, on normal service days. Each appointment can be used to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture.

\* Apartment managers must call Recology at **650-967-3034** to arrange a complex-wide special collection (extra fees apply).

## Set-Out Guidelines

- Visit **Clean Up Programs** at **www.mvrecycle.org** for detailed guidelines.
- Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.
- Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds or be longer than 4’ in length.
- **Extra fees apply** for refrigerators, computer monitors, televisions and up to 4 passenger vehicle tires.
- We do **NOT** accept concrete, soil, rock, tree stumps, construction debris or household hazardous waste.

## Vouchers

Residents may exchange any of the On Call appointments for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **650-967-3034** to request vouchers a week before.

## Schedule an On Call Plus Pick-Up

It’s easy! Call Recology at 650-967-3034 to schedule a pick-up. Keep items separated for collection by different trucks (trash, recyclables, yard trimmings, electronics, furniture). Place items at curbside.

## Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 7 am on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

**Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034.**

## Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Recology Mountain View at **650-967-3034**.

## Extra garbage

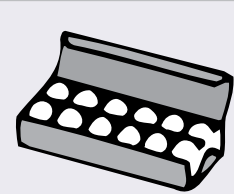
Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid (Grant Road), the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

## Accepted

### Mixed Paper

Catalogs • Cereal/cake/tissue/shoe boxes  
Computer paper • Gift wrap (no metallics)  
Junk mail • Newspapers • Magazines  
Manila folders • Paper egg cartons  
Paper bags • Post-it-notes  
Paperback books • Shredded paper  
Telephone books • Writing paper



### Mixed Containers (Caps and Lids OK)

Glass bottles and jars  
Metal cans and lids (aluminum, tin and steel)  
Plastic bottles and tubs marked #1-7



## Not Accepted

### Mixed Paper

Any paper with food or beverage residue • Coffee cups • Donut or pastry boxes • Food and candy wrappers • Foil or metallic gift wrap • Frozen food boxes • Hardback books • Milk/ice cream/juice/soy cartons or pouches • Paper cups/plates/napkins • Paper with paint or pet waste • Pizza boxes • Paper towel • Photographs • Snack or potato chip bags • Take-out food containers or wrappers • Tissue • Tyvek or padded envelopes • Waxed paper, cardboard or cartons

### Mixed Containers

Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7 • Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons • Aerosol cans • Black plastics of any kind • Ceramics and porcelain • Clamshells\* • Drinking glasses • Hard plastics of any kind (such as toys, plant pots, pails, laundry baskets, garden hoses) • Plastic bags or other plastic film • Plastic cups, plates, utensils and straws • Pots and Pans (or other scrap metal) • Pyrex • Styrofoam of any kind

\* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.



For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below\*).
- 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B). **Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 4 (Week A).

**Questions?** Call Recology Mountain View for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Recology at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

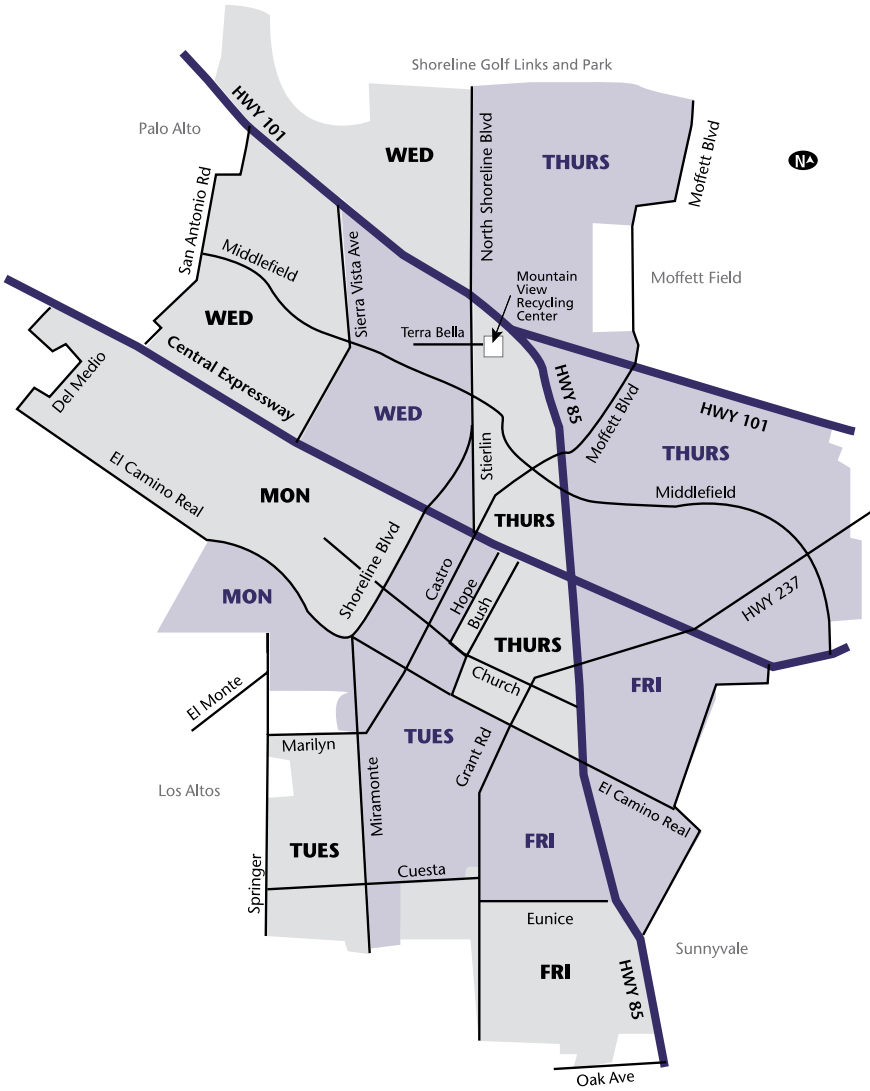
Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 24), Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday collection on Saturday.

Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Recology at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 23, 2011 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments scheduled December 26, 2011 through January 20, 2012.

\*Find your collection day online: [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org) and click on collection schedule.



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Grey = Week B

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E-Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Recology also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Recology Mountain View (650-967-3034)  
Curbside Collection  
On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)  
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale  
(see map page 4)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (one each)
- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup> and vehicle)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Passenger Tires (limit four)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

County HHW Program  
(408-299-7300 or [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org))  
By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Smoke detectors
- Thermometers and thermostats.



<sup>1</sup> Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).  
<sup>2</sup> Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

# Recycling Directory

## Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

**Fluorescent lamps** (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

**Lamps and batteries**  
Blossom True Value Hardware  
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871  
(Leave with employee at register)

**Orchard Supply Hardware**  
2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000  
(Leave at customer service desk)

**Lamps only**  
New Era Lighting  
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559

**Batteries only**  
Wolfe Camera  
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

## Services

**Utility and garbage billing information**  
including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags.  
City Finance and Administrative Services Department  
650-903-6317

**Garbage and recycling collection**  
including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what’s recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services.  
Recology Mountain View  
650-967-3034

**Household batteries** can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers. Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

**Household hazardous waste**  
free disposal by appointment.  
County Toxics Hotline  
408-299-7300  
www.hhw.org

**Home composting information**  
including free Bay-Friendly Gardening workshops, compost bins and brochures.  
County Compost Hotline  
408-918-4640  
www.ReduceWaste.org

**Pollution prevention information** including best methods to reduce pollution.  
City Environmental Safety Staff  
650-903-6378

**Recycling Leaders Program**  
City Public Works Department  
650-903-6311

**Water conservation** information including methods, technology, and product rebates.  
City Water Conservation Staff  
650-903-6216

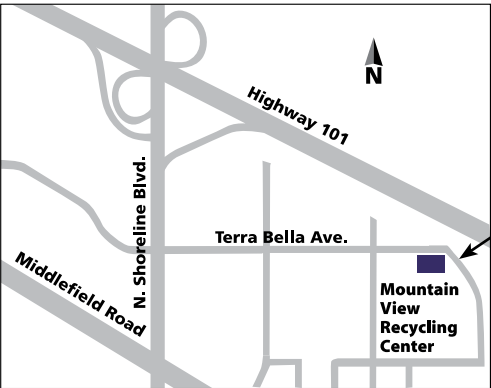
**Visit the City of Mountain View’s web site**  
for business or residential recycling information: [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org)



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Call 650-903-6311 or email [recycle@mountainview.gov](mailto:recycle@mountainview.gov).

# Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem “California Redemption Value” cans and bottles for cash.



## Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

**Hours:** Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm  
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

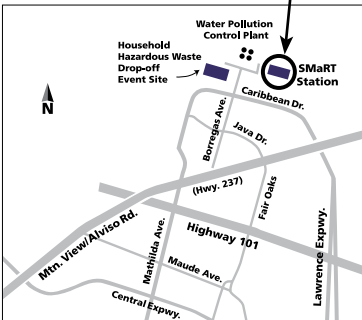
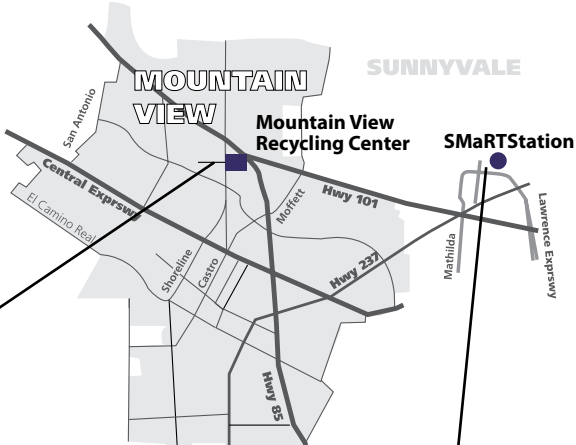
**Questions?** Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Days.

### Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries\*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

\* *Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday*

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



## SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View’s garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

**Hours:** Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

**Questions?** Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**.

### Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

Cardboard • Glass bottles and jars • Household batteries • Metal cans and lids • Mixed Paper • Newspaper • Plastic bottles and tubs #1–#7 • Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

Spring/Summer 2011 Solid Waste and Recycling Calendar	
March 5	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Soil Building (San Jose)
March 12	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Pest Management (Cupertino) Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange (see page 1)
March 19	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
April 2	Home Composting Workshop – Mountain View ( <a href="http://www.ReduceWaste.org">www.ReduceWaste.org</a> )
April 9	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Worm Composting (San Jose)
April 16	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Basics (Palo Alto) Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
April 22	Earth Day ( <a href="http://www.earthday.org">www.earthday.org</a> )
April 30	Confidential Document Shredding Event (see page 1)
May 7	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Soil Building (Palo Alto)
May 14	Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park (info: <b>650-903-6331</b> )
May 15	Bay-Friendly Garden Tour – San Jose and Palo Alto ( <a href="http://www.BayFriendlyCoalition.org">www.BayFriendlyCoalition.org</a> )
May 21	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Pest Management (Palo Alto) Creek Cleanup Day ( <a href="http://www.CleanACreek.org">www.CleanACreek.org</a> ) Home Composting Workshop – Mountain View ( <a href="http://www.ReduceWaste.org">www.ReduceWaste.org</a> ) Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
June 18	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
July 9	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Basics (San Jose)
July 16	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
July 30	Confidential Document Shredding Event (see page 1)
August 20	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Soil Building (Palo Alto) Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
August 27	Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Worm Composting (San Jose)

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off: To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at 408-299-7300. Find out more online: [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org)**